





## For Sale.

## MacEwen, FRICKEL &amp; Co.

Have Received For Sale.

## CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER. MUSCATEL RAISINS.

METZ FRUIT.

ASSORTED COCAQUES.

CARRARD &amp; BOWEN'S CONFECTIONERY.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

HONEY SCOTCH.

ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

PATRAS CURRANTS.

VALENCIA RAISINS.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

SEA.

EX STEAMER "Glenfiddie."

STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

TYPSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

FLOHARTINA.

COCAQUA.

LIBBY'S &amp; CO'S COCAQUA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTLEY &amp; PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE-MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &amp;c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES.

HIBBICK'S MONOPOLE &amp; WHITE.

VEVUE CLIOUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM &amp; Co., pints &amp; quarts.

CLARETS.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints &amp; quarts.

CHATEAU LA FITE, " "

LARS GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SEERIES &amp; PORT.

SACON'S MANZANILLA &amp; AMON.

TILLADO.

SACON'S OLD INVALID PORT.

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &amp;c.

1, 2 &amp; 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

DISCOUT DORCHES &amp; Co.'s BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KIMARAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

BOKER'S AND ORANGE BITTERS.

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

FRESH BUTTER.

Eastern and Californian CHEESE.

BONELUS GODEFISH.

PRIME HAMS AND BACON.

RUSSIAN CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH AND APPLE BUTTER.

PICKLED OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kags and pieces.

PANGON MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Boat Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Outing's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage.

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson &amp; Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clan CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

YACHT &amp; PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA.

RACKER.

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb.

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

CUITS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

6 and 10 catty boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly

executed.

Hongkong, January 26, 1892.

## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE,

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES,

MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF

BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND

PORT LOUIS.

ON MONDAY, the 13th of February,

1892, at Noon, the Company's S. S.

P. E. H. A. General Cargo, with

MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,

AND CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles; and

accepted in transit through Marseilles for the

principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

Noon of 12th February.

Cargo will be received on board until 4

p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on

the 12th February, 1892. (Parcels are not

to be sent on board; they must be left at

the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-

quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 4, 1892. fe13

MITSUBISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE

AND INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain

HERBERT, due here on or about the

13th Instant, will be despatched as above

on WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, at Day-

light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at

the Office up to 6 p.m. of 16th February.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2

Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board

before delivery is taken, otherwise they

will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin Steerage.

To Kobe, 60 815

Yokohama &amp; Nagasaki, 75 20

Shanghai via Yokohama, 120 40

Kobe, 95 30

A Reduction is made on RETURN CABIN

PASSENGERS.

Cargo and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki

will be transported to the Shanghai Mail

Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the

Company's Office, PRAYA CENTRAL, West

Corner Pottinger Street.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 7, 1892. fe17

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA

OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING

AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF

SAN FRANCISCO, will be despatched from

San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNES-

DAY, the 1st March, 1892, at 3 p.m., taking

Passengers and Freight, for Japan, the

United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-

portation to Yokohama and other Japan

Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and

Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-

land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and

Buenos Aires, to ports in Mexico, Central

and South America, by the Company's and

connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to

England, France, and Germany by all

trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On prepaid RETURN PASSAGE Tickets a

Reduction of 25 % is made.

Freight will be received on board until 4

p.m. on the 28th Instant. Parcel Packages

will be received at the office until 5 p.m.

same day; all Parcel Packages should be

marked to address in full; value of same

is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland

Cargo should be sent to the Company's

Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the

Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage

and Freight, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 60, Queen's Road Central.

E. E. FOSTER,

Gen. Agent for China &amp; Japan.

Hongkong, February 7, 1892. mrl

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOCHOW.

The Steamship

"Thales,"

Captain Pocock, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 9, 1892. fe14

FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA YOKO-

HAMA.

The 100-A-1 British

Steamship

"Devonshire,"

Captain Pocock, will be

despatched for the above Ports on TUES-

DAY, the 14th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 9, 1892. fe14

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship

"Bosphorus,"

Captain Pocock, will be

despatched for the above Ports on TUES-

DAY, the 14th Instant, at 3 p.m.

Instant, will have immediate despatch for

the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 9, 1892.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOI.

The Steamship

"Ping-on,"

Capt. McCaslin, will be

despatched for the above

Ports TO-MORROW, the 10th Instant, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 9, 1892. fe10

## NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM

## NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR MACASSAR, SOURA-

BAYA, SAMARANG AND BATAVIA.

The Co.'s Steamship

"Atch,"

Capt. M. de Nieu, will be

despatched for the above

Ports, via MACAO and MANILA,

on SATURDAY, the 11th Inst., at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 9, 1892. fe11

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship

"Ajaz,"

Capt. Kidd, will be

despatched at Noon on

SATURDAY, the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 9, 1892. fe11

## FOR AMOY, TAMSUI &amp; TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship

"Hailong,"

Capt. P. Ashton, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on MONDAY, the 13th Instant, at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 9, 1892. fe13

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of the undenoted Cargo,

Ex S.S. "Atch," from Macassar,

are hereby informed that the same are now

lying at their risk and expense, uninsured







## Insurances.

## NORTH BRITISH &amp; MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

## THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

## THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £200,000. PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1882.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

## YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £420,000.00. PERMANENT RESERVE FUND £230,000.00. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £288,936.17.

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881, £938,936.17.

Directors.

F. H. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq., J. H. PINGKOW, Esq., D. H. HUGH, Esq., Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co., 68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, and the PROFITS of the Underwriting Business are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1881.

## THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA for the above Company are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1881.

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 6, 1881.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

## Visitors' Column.

We have instituted an experiment a VISITORS' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. It will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with it we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

## List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum, Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Lustina Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Seminary Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for self-instruction, Queen's Road East.

Fairfax's Home, West Point.

E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Musical Hall, Zealand Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

## Stores, Books, &amp;c.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Signs.—MARRIS, FRICKEL & Co.

## Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BOATS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pulling Boats.

Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts. Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA GATE (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA BRIDGE).

Four Coolies, \$1.00. Three Coolies, 85 cts. Two Coolies, 70 cts.

Return (direct or by Pak-fai-hom).

Four Coolies, \$1.50. Three Coolies, 1.20. Two Coolies, 1.00.

TO VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA BRIDGE).

Four Coolies, \$0.60. Three Coolies, 50 cts. Two Coolies, 40 cts.

Return (direct or by Pak-fai-hom).

Four Coolies, \$1.00. Three Coolies, 85 cts. Two Coolies, 70 cts.

The Return Fare on a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cts.

Day Trip (Peak), \$0.75 each Coolie. (12 hours) Gap, \$0.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Boats (each).

Hour, 10 cts. Half day, 35 cts. Day, 50 cts.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, \$3.60.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Load, 2.00.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, 2.50.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Load, 1.75.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-kau Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, 1.50.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-kau Boat of 300 piculs, per Load, 1.00.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-kau Boat of 300 piculs, Half Day, 50 cts.

Sampans.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, \$1.00. One Hour, 20 cts. Half an Hour, 10 cts.

Nothing in this Scale previous private agreements.

STREET COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, 30 cts. One Hour, 12 cts. One Hour, 5 cts. Half Hour, 3 cts.

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Dividend.	Quotations.
BANKS.							
HK. & S'hai Bank.	40,000	125	125	1,900,000	3,734.00	30	+110% prem.
INSURANCES.							
Nth. China Ins.	1,000,000	2,000	2,000	238,000	1,251,064.91	75	+117% p. sh.
Yangtze Ins.	1,200,000	350	350	500,483	19,447.59	12	+11% p. sh.
Union Ins. Soc.	500,000	2,500	500	381,757	437,688.58	144.27	\$1600
Obian Trade Ins.	600,000	1000	600	475,000	91,928.49	20	+11% p. sh.
C'lon Ins. Office.	10,000	250	250	100,378	42,869.79	6	+11% p. sh.
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,000,000	1,000	1,000	761,822	22,847.81	8	\$1600
HK. Fire Ins.	2,000,000	1,000	1,000	433,983	102,020.08	18	\$225
China Fire Ins.	4,000,000	500	500				
STEAM SHIPS.							
HK. C. and M. Steamship.	8,000	100	75	135,000		6	+11% p. sh.
China Coast S. Navigation.	5,000	100	100	78,932	31,474.04	16	\$
MISCELLANEOUS.							
HK. & W'p'oa Dock.	10,000	125	125	80,000	1,489.20	4	+11% p. sh.
HK. & China Gas Co.	5,000	10	10	7,483			div.
W'p'oa Dock.	2,000	100	100				\$21
China Sugar Co.	5,000	100	100				\$12
W'p'oa Dock.	1,250	100	100				\$140 p. share
W'p'oa Dock.	500	50	50				\$50
LOANS.							
Chi. Imp.	1874	6,276	400	all	8%	June 30 Dec 31	
"	1877	16,046	400	all	8%	Feb. 28 Ag. 31	
"	1878	3,899	500	all	8%	April & Oct.	
"	1881	8,065	500	all	8%	June & Dec.	
Sugar Debit.	1880	600	800,000	all	8%	June & Dec.	
Interest.							
June 30 Dec 31							
Feb. 28 Ag. 31							
April & Oct.							
June & Dec.							

\* For full-year ended 31st Dec., 1881. † To 30th April, 1881. ‡ For year ended 30th June, 1881. § For year 1880.

## Hongkong Rate of Postage.

(Revised January 1st, 1882.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the vehicle be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, receipts, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

## Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. American, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, Hawaii, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

## Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route.

Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz. Post Cards, 3 cents each. Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents each. Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz. Comm. Papers, 2 cents.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

## Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Gold Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boredom holders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly enclosed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited, or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Papers, Curious Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

## Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Pakhoi, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weight more than 10 lbs., but not smaller than 3 lbs. by 2 inches. Parcels may be wholly enclosed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the Case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Poisons, inflammable or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handbells, &c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, but by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the F. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by F. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of datable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:

Books and Papers—to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked Z., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 6. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 7. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 8. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office. 5. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers.</b>						